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LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply giv en to Unstarred Question No.4329 dated May, 07, 2007 and state:

(a) whether the availability of seeds during kharif season 2007 has been very low in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent of shortage, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision to shift seeds from surplus States to deficient States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of reasons for not extending assistance to Rajasthan for development of seed infrastructure facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b) : In the States of Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Kerala and West Bengal the seed availability for Kharif 2007 has been less than the projected demand. In other States seed availability has been more than the demand. The State-wise details are given in Annexure.

(c) to (e) : There is no restriction on movement of seed from surplus states to deficient states. All the deficit states have been advised to have a tie-up arrangement from the surplus States/State Seeds Corporation including National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India.

(f) Rs.50 lakhs have been sanctioned to Rajasthan State Seeds Corporation for development of seed infrastructure facilities (construction of seed godown) in the current financial year.